

Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND 9,000,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF £10,000,000.
PROPRIETORS £10,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Chairman;
R. M. Gray, Esq., Deputy Chairman;
C. Beaumont, Esq.; A. J. Raymond,
David Gobley, Esq.,
Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., Ltd.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months 3½% per cent.
" 12 " 4% " "
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, October 28, 1898.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK,
LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1880.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... Yen 12,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL ... 10,600,000
RESERVE FUND ... 6,980,000
HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
KOREA LONDON SAN FRANCISCO
NEW YORK LONDON HONOLULU
BOMBAY SHANGHAI

LONDON BANKERS:—The London Joint Stock Bank, Limited.
Park's Bank, Limited.
The Union Bank of London, Limited.

HONGKONG AGENCY—Interest allowed.
On Current Account at the Rate of 2% per annum on the daily balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months, 3% per annum.
On fixed deposits for 6 months, 4% per annum.
On fixed deposits for 3 months, 3% per annum.

S. CHOY, Agent,
Hongkong, October 1, 1898.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... £2,000,000
RESERVE OF SHAREHOLDERS ... £2,000,000
RESERVE FUND ... £2,000,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4%
" 6 " 3½% "
" 3 " 2½% "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager,
Hongkong, May 25, 1898.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,250,000
PAID UP £625,500
RESERVE FUND £ 10,000

BANKERS:—LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 4%
" 6 " 3½% "
" 3 " 2½% "

J. THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong,
Hongkong, December 1, 1898.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, August 1, 1898.

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IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.
ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE
12th NOVEMBER, 1898.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... Rs. 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL ... 2,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI,
BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

CANTON HANKOW,
CHINCHING SWATOW,
FOOCHOW, TIENTSIN.

THE BANK PURCHASES and receives for Collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers. Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advanced made on approved securities. Bills Discounted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the Rate of 3% per Annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 3 Months ... 3%
" 6 " 4% "
" 12 " 5%

E. W. BUTTER,
Acting Manager,
Hongkong, October 15, 1898.

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BANKS.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £1,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL £ 324,364.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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" 6 " 3% "
" 12 " 4% "

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, October 28, 1898.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION,
No. 608.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE OF CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 16th day of January, 1899, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
HONGKONG, 31st December, 1898.

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 16th day of January, 1899, at 3 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years.

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REGISTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL').

LONDON, 13th January, 1899.
NEW UNITED STATES AMBASSY
FOR LONDON.

Mr. Choate, a barrister, has been appointed United States Ambassador to London.

THE DREYFUS AFFAIR.

M. De Baudouin belongs to the civil section of the Cour de Cassation, and although his denunciation and bias are largely based on hearsay, it enables the anti-Dreyfusites to repudiate beforehand the decision of the criminal section of the Court.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES.

In a debate on the Philippines in the Senate, Senator Fairbank, speaking apparently on behalf of President McKinley, said that whilst the country was unanimous against restoring the islands to tyrannical Spain or abandoning them to disorder and anarchy, the American occupation would not be permanent, and that neither President McKinley nor the Senate desired anything but the ultimate independence of the Philippines.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:

On the 14th at 11.50 a.m. the barometer has risen on the China coast, particularly in the North. A high pressure area now covers Central China, and the depression in E. Japan is probably moving into the Pacific to the S.E. Gradients rather steep generally, with very strong winds on the coast and in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast—strong N.E. winds; cloudy, some drizzling rain at first.

REVIEW.

THE PEOPLE OF CLOTHAN. By George Bartram. London: T. Fisher Unwin, Paternoster Square.

Whether 'The People of Clopton' is a novel, or merely an autobiography, is hard to say. The principal character is one George Bartram, which is the name of the putative author of the work. Anyhow, no real or autobiographical piece of authorship we have come across for many years. At the first start, the midland dialect may repel one; but, after a while, the absolutely living characters enchain one's interest and hold one spellbound until the last chapter is finished. Uncle Noah, Aunt Kosie, the Needham, Tom Wakelin, Exeter Dick and Fowsey, may be mere creatures of the imagination, but they read strangely real, and all we can advise to our elderly readers is, get the book, read it—enjoy it you will, of course—and then burn it, for it is a dangerous volume to leave around loose, where there are young people.

SEIZURE OF OPIUM AT BANGKOK.

In the British Court at Bangkok on the 2nd inst., before Mr. Archer, A. Tip, of the Phra Chom Kao, was charged with having in his possession, illegally, six tins of opium, which, it was alleged, he intended to dispose of in Bangkok. Mr. Fawcett prosecuted.

An Inspector of the Opium Farm stated that on the morning of Dec. 30 he saw the accused leave the Phra Chom Kao, and called to the gate along the river. On examining the accused he found six tins of opium concealed about his person. A guard of the Opium Farm also gave evidence to the effect that he saw the accused go down the gangway and get into a rice-chang. He had been ordered by the Chief Inspector to stop anyone leaving the steamer. He examined the accused first, and afterwards saw the Inspector come up and examine him. Six tins of opium were found tied round his body.

Mr. West stated that he was not present when the accused was arrested; the opium was brought to him and all he could say was that it came from Hongkong.

A. Tip, the accused, denied having the opium in his possession. It belonged, he said, to a passenger by the Phra Chom Kao who ran away from the steamer. A. Tip could not be quite certain, however, as to whether it did belong to a passenger. He had no idea as to where the opium came from or, in fact, what the tins contained.

Accused was fined Ties, 1,000, with the alternative of three months' hard labour. As he did not pay the fine, Mr. Grigson was asked by his Honour if he would be responsible in case the accused ran away. Mr. Grigson accepted the responsibility and took A. Tip in charge.—*Bangkok Times*.

SHANGHAI achieved a reputation early in the Chin-Japan war, and has justly maintained it ever since. The sober Spectator says:—"They are quite capable in Shanghai of saying and believing that the Empress Dowager had eaten Sir Claude Macdonald for breakfast, but on a remonstrance from the Secretary of Legation had thrown him up again."

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Chianfu (in Shantung) to the Shanghai Mercury:—"The Yellow River is still pouring through the great gap 20 miles post-east of this city and the prospective misery, not to mention that already existent, is appalling. Every dollar of relief is sadly needed. All that the Chinese Government can do will not be all too little, and what philanthropic Europeans and Americans can do, will be none too much."

Mr. Caton Woodville, the battle artist, has finished his picture depicting the charge of the 2nd Lancasters at Omdurman. The artist, who has had the assistance of Col. Martin as regards details, has made a stirring battle scene. The lancers have just entered the nullah, and are among the Dervishes. Lieut. Grenfell, the horse-hamstrung, and its rider falling back dead in the saddle, is in the forefront. Lieut. Monmorency, V.C., on a white horse, striking a blow at a mounted mail-clad Dervish appears in the centre. It was on a Dervish's armour that Lieut. Monmorency's sword doubled up, his opponent being subsequently killed by his trooper. Col. Martin, C.B., on a white horse and unarmed, is charging on his man. Capt. Kenne, V.C., waging his sword, and Private Byrne, V.C., running a Dervish through, are among the other prominent figures in the charge.

FABRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That, according to all accounts, the situation at Manila and at Iloilo has become painfully acute.

THE SITUATION IN MANILA.

AMERICAN SENTRY WOUNDED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MANILA, January 11.

There is little change in the situation, which is still very critical. The American and Filipino forces are carefully watching each other, and the slightest hostile movement on the part of the Americans would open the conflict, and as the natives have a strong army outside and many allies inside the city, the residents would have a bad time of it. No doubt the natives would have recourse to incendiarism.

Twelve thousand natives left Manila yesterday by train, and thousands left by road. Seven extra trains had to be requisitioned to carry the passengers, and several steamers leave daily for the provinces crowded with passengers.

It is stated that the American troops are to remain in the transports at Iloilo, and the transport Indiana has been ordered to take down two hundred tons of provisions, and a full cargo of coal. General Miller is awaiting orders. The natives have threatened to burn the town if a landing is attempted. Aguinaldo's party desire the result of the Iloilo expedition.

That the only difference will be that the Filipinos will be left to say justice done which the tyrannical rule of Spain would not permit.

That the great pity in this arrangement was not notified and declared by America on months ago.

That it had been possible to do against the numerous machinations of Paris Con-

grés and ratifications of Treaty by Washington Congress, things would have been all right.

That while we have the fullest sympathy with the U.S. Gibbs now bearing the brunt of existing circumstances, it cannot be denied that the Filipinos have a solid grievance, and the outside opinion has considerably veered round in favour of those men who have been fighting for freedom.

That many rumours are going around about the hostilities and "concord" telegrams, but all are discounted by the knowledge that both the Filipinos and the Americans have clear instructions to preserve the peace, if possible.

That it would be a sad thing were hostilities to break out at the present moment, whichever side obtained a momentary advantage, because the whole cause of strife would rest upon a misunderstanding, and not upon a real basis of right and wrong.

That it is to be hoped, by all who have carefully thought over the situation, that the crisis may be averted without bloodshed, and that the U.S.A. will do their best to justify their traditions.

That the echoes of Lord Charles Beresford the breezy Reviver of the Farther East have reached us from the North, and many will be sorely disappointed if his mission does not fulfil general expectations.

That this is "Widowsake" and your morning contemporary have been having an exciting "chin-wag" over the present position of affairs.

That if the "spheres of influence" could be made to carry with them the "o. o. doo," things might be different.

That one thing seems to be agreed upon by most British folks—and they are really the people who must finally settle the matter—that one more chance shall be given to the Government to put their "house in order."

That, failing such an attempt, then the general scismatic of partition (or "spheres of influence" as others call it) will undoubtedly follow.

That whatever may be said subsequently, no one can allege with truth that Great Britain has not consistently and persistently endeavoured to bolster up the Dynasty to the utmost.

That, locally, I was pleased to see you gave a little credit to the enlightened and enlightened members of our Chinese Community, in connection with the marvellous advances of the Tung-Wa Hospital.

That we have had no evidence concerning the trend of the new Governor (Sir Henry Blaikie) as to this matter, save his address the other day, but it was most satisfactory.

That this kind of improvement is bound to be slow, but, gradual, as it has been, it has certainly been most satisfactory.

That I say, all honour to the medical men who have, by wonderful tact and honest moral suasion, weaned the Chinese towards the better way.

That His Excellency might do worse than accept this fact, because it is known and read of all men who have lived in the Colony for over a quarter of a century.

That the Pantomime has been going merrily for the week, and will be all the more for the children on Saturday next.

That I wish to see, not the Pantomime, but the audience, on that occasion; as the sight of the enjoyment of the little folks is like water to a thirsty soul.

That I hear the Insatiable Properties Ordinance has been practically withdrawn, pending fuller information; and I fancy the Governor has acted wisely in this matter.

That the tendency is far too strong, in some quarters, to rush us into radical and destructive reforms.

That I also hear a whisper about the Kowloon Extension, which country has not as yet been declared British territory.

That it would perhaps be well if my officials refrained from any active or even hostile measures until the territory is in our hands.

That any intrusive advice, or unauthorized orders given, can have but one effect, unless they are forwarded through the Kwangtung Vice-roy.

That the delay is certainly foolish, but we must wait for the official authority, and then put the house in order.

That all hands are sorry for Captain Fithie, because he seems to have done his duty after the accident like a real son of the British marine.

That as to the Chief Officer (peace to his memory), and to the Second Engineer, every one will agree they behaved like Britons.

BROWNIE.

The Singapore Free Press of the 31st December says:—We reached here yesterday that the S.S. *Perseus*, Capt. Hendry, had gone ashore on the lighthouse spit at Kunlun, near the Tenth Mile, a spit about four miles from the Oceanus, in a Malay archipelago. The vessel is stated to be very badly placed, and is likely to become a total wreck, being full of water and her decks awash, two of her masts and the funnel having been carried away. No further details are to hand as yet. We understand that the vessel is insured for \$80,000 in Canton.

THE PHILIPPINES CRISIS.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

We have this day authorized Mr. JHANIR MUNOHERI MATER to sign our firm for prosecution in Hongkong.

TALATI & CO.

Hongkong, January 8, 1899.

NOTICE.

We have this day authorized Mr. ALBERT OTTO to SIGN our firm's name in Horow and PARTNER.

A. SCHOMBURG & CO.

Hollow January 1, 1899.

NOTICE.

MR. GUSTAV ADOLPH DEGENER BOENING retired from our firm on the 1st December, 1898.

We have established a BRANCH of our firm at TANTWAD (KIAOTSOBOT BAY).

Mr. C. SCHWENKE has been authorized to sign our firm for prosecution in Hongkong from this date.

CARLOWITZ & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1899.

NOTICE.

THE Business of DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., here and at Shanghai, Hankow, Yokohama, Kobe, Tacoma, Wash., Portland Oregon, Victoria, B.C., and Duck House, London, has from THIS DAY been transferred to, and will be conducted under the title of

DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED.

Mr. EDWARD SOUTON WILSON has been appointed Manager, and Mr. GEORGE HARRIS MEDLEY Sub-Manager, at this Post. All Disbursements by the firm of DODWELL, CARLILL & CO. will be received or paid by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 1, 1899.

NOTICE.

THE Firm of Messrs E. N. MEHTA & CO., having been dissolved by mutual consent, we, the undersigned Partners of the said firm, have established ourselves as General Merchants and Commission Agents under the name and style of TALATI & CO. in Bombay, Hongkong, and Shanghai.

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Hongkong, January 8, 1899.

NOTICE.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Tenth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 26th January, 1899, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLO-ED from FRIDAY, 20th January, to THURSDAY, 26th January, (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to the

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, January 12, 1899.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eleventh Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 26th January, 1899, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

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Hongkong, January 12, 1899.

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